

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: Sugioka et al

Application No.:

Art Unit:

Filed:

Examiner:

For: Fire retardant resin composition, method of its  
production, shaped articles comprising the same,  
and silica

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.